

## **SUBCHAPTER 2. SECTION 144.1 INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS**

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### **19:54-2.1 Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, the following words and terms shall have the meaning herein ascribed to them unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

"Authority" or "CRDA" means the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority established pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-153.

"Extreme financial hardship" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:54-3.2(c).

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### **19:54-2.2 Deferral petitions: Determination of extreme financial hardship**

(a) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-144.1(c), a contract between a casino licensee and the CRDA may provide for the deferral of the payment for and delivery of bonds otherwise required to be purchased by the licensee or for the deferral of the making of approved eligible investments otherwise required to be made by the licensee. A deferral of a casino licensee's obligation to purchase bonds or make other approved eligible investments may not be granted by the CRDA unless, among other things, the licensee obtains a determination from the Commission that the purchase of the bonds or the making of the approved eligible investments would cause extreme financial hardship to the casino licensee.

(b) A casino licensee shall apply for a deferral pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-144.1(c) by filing a petition with the CRDA in accordance with its rules and regulations. Copies of this petition and all application materials submitted to

the CRDA by the licensee shall be simultaneously filed with the Commission and the Division. The CRDA shall give notice of its receipt of a petition for deferral to the Commission and Division within three days of the date on which the licensee files the petition. The Commission shall render a decision on whether the licensee has established extreme financial hardship within 60 days after notice of the petition has been received from the CRDA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commission shall not consider any request for a determination of extreme financial hardship unless the petitioning casino licensee demonstrates that the contract required by N.J.S.A. 5:12-144.1(c) and (a) above has been executed.

(c) In order to obtain a determination of extreme financial hardship from the Commission, a licensee shall be required to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the economic effect of purchasing the bonds or making the investments which are sought to be deferred would be to increase materially the risk that the licensee would be unable to maintain its qualification for a casino license under the financial stability criterion of N.J.S.A. 5:12-84(a).

(d) In addition to supplying the Commission and Division with any documentation or information filed with the CRDA in support of its petition for deferral, it shall be the affirmative obligation of the casino licensee to produce or cooperate in the production of any other information, documentation or assurances relating to the assets, liabilities, resources and operating performance of the licensee, its holding and intermediary companies and any other related entity which is required to qualify or hold a casino license under the Act, necessary to establish its entitlement to a determination of extreme financial hardship. A casino licensee shall promptly provide any information or assistance requested by the Commission or Division within the time period specified. Failure to provide in a timely manner any such information or assistance to the Commission and Division upon request by either agency may, in the discretion of the Commission, result in the information being excluded

from consideration and an adverse inference being drawn against the interests of the casino licensee.

(e) A determination of extreme financial hardship shall be decided on the basis of the information submitted by the casino licensee with its petition and any other information or documentation requested by the Commission or Division or previously obtained from the casino licensee unless the casino licensee requests in writing that a hearing be provided in accordance with the relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:42; provided, however, the Commission may on its own motion direct that a hearing be held. Unless otherwise permitted by the Commission for good cause shown, a licensee shall submit its written request for a hearing simultaneously with the filing of its petition pursuant to (b) above.

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